

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, January 26, 2009, 4:30pm, at City Hall in the Lower Level Conference Room.

Present at said meeting were Garnet Peck, Mike Dana, Karen Springer, Richard Shockley, and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Lee Booth, Brenda Lorenz, and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Present from the City was Mayor John Dennis and Council member Ann Hunt. Absent were Park Board Member Mary Nauman, Council members Gerald Thomas and Gerry Keen.

Garnet convened the Board at 4:32pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the December 15, 2008 meeting. Mike motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mayor Dennis swore in new Park Board Member Richard Shockley.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- Has been busy learning the City's new e-Gov web page
- Working on Global Fest
- Helping out in the office since we lost our claims/grants administrator

Parks – Lee reported on the following:

- Inspection reports available.
- Finished sealing the shop walls
- Helped with the pottery room at Morton
- Have done snow removal as needed
- Repaired a leak (the return chillier in the building) at the ice rink
- Mechanical repairs as needed

Recreation – Chris reported on the following:

- Distributed a copy of the ice rink attendance for the fall of 2008; we were closed a couple days due to the leak; it was very costly to repair, and we lost revenue since it was during the winter break. We were also closed a couple days due to the extreme cold.
- We are trying to keep ahead of things in the office but with not being able to fill our vacant position, it is difficult

Morton Center – Brenda reported on the following:

- The pottery room is looking good after the walls have been painted and the ceramic floor installed.
- AARP will have representatives at Morton on Wednesday afternoons throughout February giving tax assistance to seniors and those people with low incomes. Appointments are required.

Old Business**Happy Hollow Park**

Joe passed around photos of the repair work that has been done to the mudslide area in Happy Hollow Park. That work is complete for now, planting will be done in the spring.

Redevelopment Meeting

At last week's meeting, Joe gave a presentation about the development of Tapawingo Park and the shelter. Funds were previously transferred, a purchase order was done, and the shelter has been ordered. Joe passed around work plans, including a new sidewalk from the parking lot to the Skating Center and installation of the new band-shell type shelter. An appropriation will be requested from the Redevelopment Commission for this in the future.

New Business**Election of Officers**

Joe presented a slate of officers; Garnet as President, Mike as Vice-President and Mary as Secretary. A list of 2009 meeting dates was also presented. Mike moved adoption of slate of officers and meeting dates as presented. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Riverside Skating Center Fees

Joe stated that this is on the agenda as a continuing review of fees; the Board has recently increased shelter rentals and pool fees. There is no proposal yet, we would like input from the Board. Presently the fees are \$3.00 for admission and \$2.00 for skate rental. The rink opened in the fall of 2002 and the fees have not been raised since then. PEFCU and Lafayette Life continue to offer sponsorship on the Zamboni for a \$500 sponsorship fee, that \$1,000 goes to the unappropriated Park Board Fund. Mike suggested that we explore what would be a reasonable fee to charge for skating. Chris commented that when we opened the minimum wage was \$5.15, this July it raises to \$7.25. Joe commented that we would distribute a report that shows what it cost to operate the rink and the revenue. He would also like to offer a family friendly option like the pool has with a family pass. Mike said it would be interesting to see what other indoor skating fees are.

Attorney's Report on Board Enabling Legislation

John will provide this at the February Park Board meeting.

West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported on the following:

- Demolition of Burtsfield School, except the new gym, began last week and will continue into February until it is completed.
- Classroom addition to Cumberland will be completed early spring and the Happy Hollow General Obligation Bonds have been advertised for the additions to Happy Hollow and renovation work at the High School.
- Business Week Magazine named West Lafayette High School the best in Indiana based on academic performance.

Chris commented on how great the staff at Cumberland has been in keeping her informed when the remodeling has affected our basketball program.

Wabash River

Mike announced that there will be a public meeting on February 10, at the auditorium at Ivy Tech starting at 7 pm. The public is invited to respond to the consultants planning process so far and have input into the continuing master plan process for the river corridor.

Other

Joe commented that there was information in the folders about projects funded for completion in 2009, the project list for the Redevelopment Commission, and 2009 department schedule dates.

Joe has given permission to F&K Construction to temporarily use part of our property (along the Demsey/Baker Drain, the outlet from Hadley Lake, part of the future Northwest Greenway Trail). F & K is installing a running water line for Indiana-American Water.

Pay Claims

Mike motioned for claims to be paid. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary